Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Velma O'Rielly, and we are richer because Velma lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Velma was born June 27, 1914, in Fanshaw, Oklahoma; and,

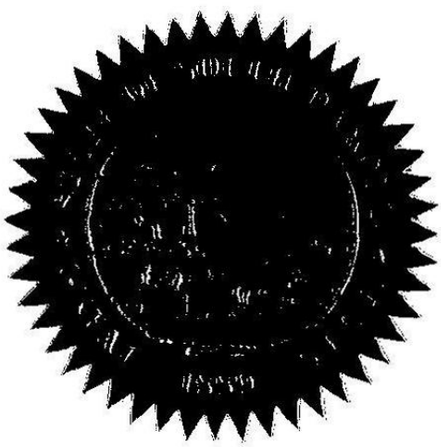
Whereas, Velma was united in marriage to Robert Francis O'Rielly on June 16, 1937, in Washington, D.C., and to this union four children were born, Patricia Lee, Wanda Jean, Robert Deane, and Roberta Diane, with 19 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren joining the family; and,

Whereas, Velma lives in Pierre, South Dakota, and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2004, as

VELMA O'RIELLY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness at an open house on Saturday, June 26, 2004.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State